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Remarks

Status

Claims 17-28, 30, 33-34 and 36-42 are pending in the Application. The Examiner withdrew claims 17-27 as directed to an apparatus invention. Claims 28, 30, 33-34 and 36-42 were again rejected for the reasons defined in the Office Action. The examiner objected to Claim 43 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, stated it would be allowable if rewritten.

Discussion

The Examiner has maintained the rejection of Claims 28, 30, 33-34, 36-37, 39-40 and 42 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 5,118,113 to Ahlers *et al.* Claim 38 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Ahlers *et al.* in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,882,008 to Siegesmund. Claim 41 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Ahlers *et al.* in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,295,834 to Saunders.

Claims 28 and 33 have been amended to simply incorporate the allowable claim 43. Therefore, Claims 28 and 33 are now allowable.

The remaining claims depend from claim 28 or 33 and, therefore, also are allowable for at least the reasons discussed above and for the further features

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recited therein.

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Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 28, 30, 33-34, 36-42 are in condition for allowance. Early allowance of all said claims is requested.

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